

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
AND THE LATVIA REPUBLIC PROCURATOR'S
OFFICE CONCERNING COOPERATION IN THE
PURSUIT OF NAZI WAR CRIMINALS**

September 11, 1992, Date-Signed
September 11, 1992, Date-In-Force

The United States Department of Justice and the Latvia Republic Procurator's Office recognize the legal and moral importance of the pursuit, investigation and prosecution of persons suspected of engaging in Nazi-sponsored acts of persecution or of having assisted in the commission of such acts during the years of the Second World War. Inasmuch as the procedures for the gathering of evidence followed by the Office of Special Investigation (OSI) of the United States Department of Justice have been accepted by courts and tribunals under appropriate laws, regulations, rules and juridical precedents of the United States of America, and inasmuch as they do not contradict legal norms of the Republic of Latvia, the United States Department of Justice and the Latvia Republic [*2] Procurator's Office signify and affirm their readiness to active cooperation in the pursuit, investigation and prosecution by stipulating to the following provisions of this Memorandum:

1. The United States Department of Justice and the Latvia Republic Procurator's Office shall provide legal assistance on a reciprocal basis in the investigation of individuals who are suspected of having engaged in Nazi-sponsored acts of persecution or of having assisted in the commission of such acts in the period 1 September 1939 - 8 May 1945.
2. The United States Department of Justice and the Latvia Republic Procurator's Office shall furnish one another, on a confidential basis through diplomatic channels, names, other data and archival documents relating to the foregoing category of individuals.
3. The Latvia Republic Procurator's Office shall furnish the United States Department of Justice with the names of witnesses believed to possess relevant information on specific alleged participants in Nazi-sponsored acts of persecution and on the circumstances of the specified crimes who reside in the Republic of Latvia. The Latvia Republic Procurator's Office further agrees to endeavor to make these witnesses [*3] available for the purpose of giving testimony to qualified representatives of the United States Department of Justice.
4. The United States Department of Justice and the Latvia Republic Procurator's Office shall facilitate the travel of specialists and experts to one another's countries for joint work on specific cases of this category. All expenses connected with such trips and with the examination of specific cases shall be the responsibility of the requesting side.

5. The United States Department of Justice and the Latvia Republic Procurator's Office shall hold meetings in Latvia and Washington periodically for the purpose of continuing and expanding cooperation in this area.

6. This Memorandum shall enter into force upon signature. It may be amended upon the written agreement of the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized, have signed this Memorandum.

DONE at Riga, in duplicate, this 11th day of September, 1992, in the English and Latvian languages, each text being equally authentic.

SIGNATORIES:

FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FOR THE LATVIA REPUBLIC PROCURATOR'S OFFICE

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